

## CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

**Title of publication:** a - Knotty scene - Boy knotted by his dog - S - 3m20s

**Other known title(s):** Not stated

**OFLC ref:** 2000126.006

**Medium:** Video File

**Publisher:** Not stated

**Country of origin:** Not stated

**Language:** Not applicable

**Applicant:** Commissioner of Police

<b>Classification:</b>	Objectionable.
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**Excisions:** No excisions recommended

**Descriptive note:** None

**Display conditions:** None

**Date of entry in Register:** 16 June 2020

**Date of direction to issue a label:** No direction to issue a label has been issued

**Date of notice of decision:** 16 June 2020

	<b>Components</b>	<b>Running time</b>
<b>Timed component(s):</b>	a - Knotty scene - Boy knotted by his dog - S - 3m20s	3:21
<b>Total running time:</b>		3:21

### Summary of reasons for decision:

The video explicitly depicts a young man involving a dog in a sexual act. It is deemed to be objectionable because it promotes and supports bestiality under s3(2)(e) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993. The only likely purpose of the image is to titillate or arouse adults with an interest in bestiality, and the availability of this video encourages this illegal practice. The classification interferes with the right to freedom of expression set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's clear intention to prevent the availability of publications that promote and support the crime of bestiality.